ACN French roundtable: HCTISN’s involvement and work programme

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The TSN act

Act No. 2006-686 of 13 June 2006 on nuclear transparency and safety (“TSN act”) has introduced strengthened provisions on transparency

- by granting a right of public access to information held by nuclear operators
- by strengthening the role of local information committees
- by creating HCTISN
  High Committee for Transparency and Information on Nuclear Security
HCTISN is a plural forum that can

» self-refer to subjects within its scope

» be seized by the government, the parliament ...

» provide guidance on
  • issues related to the quality of information given to the public
  • the transparency with which operators communicate and
  • how best to involve stakeholders
Presentation of HCTISN
Composition and competence

HCTISN is composed of 40 members from

» the parliament
» government
» associations
» trade unions
» nuclear operators
» local information committees
» experts
Presentation of HCTISN
How do we work?

- Four plenary sessions a year: debates and presentations on substantive issues or topics (with sometimes external participants)
- Working groups preparing reports on topical issues
- All opinions and documents are made public ([www.hctisn.fr](http://www.hctisn.fr))
Presentation of HCTISN
Significant work

- Uranium liquid leak at Tricastin (July 2008)
  - 18 Recommendations to improve information, transparency and consultation with stakeholders

- Transparency of the nuclear fuel cycle
  - Report published in summer 2010

- Self-referral on “transparency vs secret”
  - Report published in March 2011

- Transparency of the French post-Fukushima process
  - Work in progress

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Involvement in ACN and work programme
HCTISN has been involved in ACN since the beginning of the French roundtable:

» WG1 “Process of selecting sites for LL-LL waste”, led by the ANCCLI, was co-led by the HCTISN

» HCTISN took part to WG2 (“Public access to information and participation in decision-making”) & WG3 (“What competence building and access to expertise is needed to assure true participation ?”)
Joint work of ANCCLI and HCTISN has resulted to a HCTISN report to the French government on the site selection process for LL-LL waste:

» The common work team met many local and national stakeholders in 2010-2011 (government, experts, elected people, local communities, waste producers…)

» HCTISN report (led by a Swedish expert member of HCTISN) issued on 7 October 2011
Main findings:

» Safety first

» Call for interest should be restricted to geologically-compatible areas, and at the intermediate-scale communities level

» The selection process & agenda should be flexible and agreed with stakeholders

» Real on-site information & debate should be carried out before the call for interest ends, with trusted third-parties

» The government should be involved in the process to help the NW agency & communities to decide

➔ Will be an input for the French LL-LLW site selection process
Involvement in ACN & work programme
WG2&3 - work programme

HCTISN’s plenary session of 21 June 2012:
presentation of the results of the French roundtable

» HCTISN work programmed to
  • analyse the French roundtable’s suggestions
  • prepare concrete guidance for the government to improve the French decision-making process

» work in progress
Thank you for your attention